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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF SCA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

BEIRUT - FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN FROM ATHERTON AND  
WALENTYNOWICZ

TUNIS - FOR LOREN LAWRENCE, CARE OF CONSULAR SECTION

1. IN SESSION WITH SENATE REFUGEE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRED  
BY KENNEDY APRIL 5, DEPARTMENT WITNESSES (SISCO AND  
WILSON) WERE ASKED WHAT "SPECIAL MEASURES" DEPARTMENT  
WAS TAKING TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF LEBANESE NATIONALS  
WHO WISH TO EMIGRATE AND REUNITE WITH FAMILIES IN THE US.  
SPECIFIC MENTION WAS MADE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A

PAROLE PROGRAM FOR LEBANESE SIMILAR TO THAT ALREADY IN  
OPERATION FOR THE ASSYRIANS AND ARMENIANS.

2. EMBASSY'S VIEWS WERE SOLICITED IN STATE 80129.  
HOWEVER, FROM STANDPOINT OF DEALING WITH CONGRESSIONAL  
CONCERNS HERE, IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF SCA DEPUTY  
ADMINISTRATOR, LOREN E. LAWRENCE, NOW IN TUNIS FOR THE  
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NEA CONSULAR CONFERENCE, COULD TOUCH BASE FOR A RAPID

OVERVIEW OF THE POTENTIAL LEBANESE EMIGRE POPULATION AND

PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO HANDLE IT. LAWRENCE WOULD BE VALUABLE EXPERT TO SPEAK TO CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST AND THEREBY HELP SUBSTANTIATE WHATEVER DECISIONS WE MAKE ON THESE ISSUES. (WE ARE NOW GETTING UP TO TWENTY QUERIES DAILY FROM INTERESTED PARTIES.)

3. LAWRENCE IS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO BEIRUT APRIL 8 OR 9. WE DEFER TO YOUR JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, AS TO WHETHER THIS SUGGESTION WOULD BE USEFUL FROM BEIRUT VANTAGE POINT AND WHETHER SECURITY SITUATION PERMITS. LAWRENCE'S DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE ENTIRELY IN-HOUSE WITHOUT PUBLICITY, TO AVOID STIRRING UP SPECULATION ABOUT POSSIBLE NEW U. S. IMMIGRATION POLICY FOR LEBANON. KISSINGER

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